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TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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SUBJECT: TRAORE THANKS PRESIDENT FORD FOR DROUGHT AID

1. ON SEPTEMBER 6 MALIAN AMBASSADOR GAVE DEPARTMENT
LETTER ADDRESSED PRESIDENT FORD FROM MALIAN CHIEF STATE
TRAORE WHICH AMBASSADOR FOUND AWAITING HIM AT HIS EMBASSY
ON RETURN FROM ABROAD. LETTER IS DATED AUGUST 21 THANKS
PRESIDENT FORD FOR AIRLIFT AND DROUGHT RELIEF. FULL TEXT
AS FOLLOWS:

"MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

IL M'EST PARTICULIEREMENT AGREABLE, AU NOM DU PEUPLE
MALIEN, DU COMITE MILITAIRE DE LIBERATION NATIONALE, DU
GOUVERNEMENT ET EN MON NOM PROPRE, DE VOUS PRESENTER MES
COMPLIMENTS ET L'EXPRESSION DE NOTRE PROFONDE GRATITUDE,
AU MOMENT OU SE TERMINE LE PONT AERIEN ORGANISE PAR LE
GRAND PEUPLE AMERICAIN POUR CONJURER LES EFFORTS NEFASTES
DE LA SECHERESSE.

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"L'INTERVENTION EFFICACE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE EN ZONE SUBSAHELIENNE ET PARTICULIEREMENT AU MALI, EST A INSCRIRE AU RANG DES HAUTS FAITS QUI RECONCILIENT L'HUMANITE AVEC ELLE-MEME. ELLE AURA PERMIS DE SAUVER DES MILLIERS DE VIES HUMAINES ET ANIMALES MENACEES PAR LA FAMINE ET LA SOIF.

"JE DEMEURE CONVAINCU QUE SOUS VOTRE SAGE ET DYNAMIQUE IMPULSION LE GENEREUX PEUPLE AMERICAIN CONTINUERA, AVEC ENCORE PLUS DE SUCCES, A REMPLIR A LA DIMENSION DE SA PUISSANCE ECONOMIQUE ET MORALE SON DEVOIR INTERNATIONALISTE.

"AVEC CETTE CERTITUDE, JE VOUS PRIE DE CROIRE, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, A L'ASSURANCE DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE"

2. LETTER BEING PASSED WHITE HOUSE TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTED RESPONSE. SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE LOCALLY ABOUT LETTER, EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND THAT IT ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS FORWARDING IT TO WHITE HOUSE. KISSINGER

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